

APRIL

About People And Things

BY C. B. McDOWELL

PERDUE RETURN

Mr. & Mrs. Dana B. Perdue have returned from a two-week trip to Georgia and South Carolina. They visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. C. their son, Billy and family, in Madison, Ga. and Mr. Perdue's brother in Ft. Valley, Ga. Frank is a pilot in the Army Transport Air Service and flies all over the world.

Billy is employed by the International Paper Co. Civan has a cabin on a lake near Cordell, Ga. and he and his family and Mr. & Mrs. Dana Perdue spent two enjoyable days there. Dana reports that his brother is still in a serious condition and suffers greatly most of the time.

Donner Roberts requested money for his trip to Georgia on Wednesday morning to go light on my wife's account. Dana's beauty contest achievements because he and the other post office employees have to work with him. Donner said that when the Clipper reported Dana's beauty contest triumph several weeks ago, Dana thought up all the Clippies he could find and mailed them to his friends, especially in Georgia.

Donner said every since Dana's return, he has been bragging about his reputation in those parts.

RUN NECK-AND-NECK

Sam J. Casey, superintendent of Elba Public Schools, stated Monday that the 1956 senior class numbers approximately 70, compared with 68 last year. The boys and girls are almost the same in number, as they have been for the past three years.

Prof. Casey states that it has been interesting to him to look at the different grade records. Some of the grades will show as many as ten or more boys than girls or vice versa, but when the overall totals are added up, they come out approximately equal year after year.

The class of 1954 numbered 76, with 39 boys and 39 girls, which was the largest graduating class in the history of Elba High School.

Always, it is a nip-and-tuck race between the boys and girls for numerical superiority.

THRIFTY LAD

Bobby Inman, 12-year-old son of Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Inman, is a fine example of worth-while thrift.

He is employed as janitor at the Ralston Insurance Agency office. On each pay day he turns his check over to his mother, who applies it on the family television installment.

Needless to say, Bobby is very proud of "his" TV set and the other members of the family are proud of Bobby.

CANTATA BROADCAST

A recording of the Easter Cantata, "The Resurrection Song," rendered Sunday night, March 26, at the Elba Methodist Church under the direction of Mrs. Edwin Cooper, was broadcast over Station WIRB, Enterprise, Easter Sunday evening from 4:30 to 5:00 o'clock. Many listeners in the area reported enjoying the program.

J. B. WISE HOME DAMAGED

An overheated gas floor furnace caused an early morning fire Sunday about 2 A. M. Considerable damage was done to the J. B. Wise home located just across the street from the fire station.

Mrs. Wise stated Sunday that his son, Mack, discovered the blaze and awoke his parents who were in danger of being suffocated by the dense smoke which filled all of the rooms.

The telephone wire had been burned in two, so Mack rushed across the street to the fire and police station to give the alarm.

Mr. Wise said he was under the house trying to squirt water on the fire with a hose when firemen arrived. He said he had not thought of turning off the gas and the flames had ignited the floor timbers around the furnace and threatened to become a serious blaze.

When firemen arrived, they shut off the gas, crawled under the house and put water where it did the most good and soon extinguished the fire. Many thanks were expressed to the firemen who did a good job and he appreciated their efforts. He could not estimate the amount of damage except to say that it would be considerable.

The walls and ceiling of the rooms will have to be reworked as they were badly smoked. The floor around the furnace was considerably damaged.

The Elba Clipper

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C. OF C SETS PROCEDURE—

Moves to control solicitation of funds from Elba merchants were started by the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce when they met Tuesday noon at a local cafe. A resolution, made by Dr. John Kimbrey and seconded by Horton Fick, was unanimously passed asking the city administration to conduct a recreation program for the children this summer.

To control solicitations a committee composed of Oscar Vaughan Sr., as chairman, Dr. M. Y. Miles and James Wise were appointed. They will meet once a week to pass on the requests for permission to solicit money.

Schools, clubs or other organizations selling program advertising will be asked to fill out a sheet showing the number of programs to be printed and the attendance expected at the event.

In most cases, any person or organization seeking to solicit money or sell advertising of one kind or another, will be required to wait anywhere from one to seven days before approval can be given their project. Approval merely means the project is legitimate and is not an endorsement of the Chamber of Commerce. Merchants do not have to ask solicitors if they have a letter of approval from the Chamber and are free to give to anyone they wish. However, the check will be made for those wanting to take advantage of it.

WHITMAN DRUG & MORROW'S GROCERY

Elba's second burglary within a week occurred Tuesday night at Whitman Drug when someone broke in through an alley window and rifled the cash drawers of from \$10 to \$15, Mr. J. D. Whitman, owner, stated on Wednesday morning.

As far as Mr. Whitman could ascertain, only the cash and a carton of Viceroy cigarettes were missing. No drugs were bothered.

The burglar gained entrance to the store through a rear window by using a hack saw to saw through a protecting bar and then raised the window. Upon leaving, the intruder opened the rear door and walked out, leaving the door open.

Police have no clues to the identity of the robber but were dusting the window and bars for fingerprints.

CONSIDERATE BURGLARS

Shelby Morrow's General Merchandise Store located near the ACL station in West Elba, was burglarized early last Thursday morning. The robbers gained entrance through the front door by breaking the lock.

Mr. Morrow said the burglars were very considerate, as they did not take anything, except the contents of the cash drawers. He estimated at about \$25, and did no damage to fixtures or stock.

Mr. Morrow said the robbers even closed the door and placed the lock back in place so that no outsider would notice that the store had been entered. He said the bakery truck driver called and left bread in front of the store early in the morning and did not notice anything amiss.

A number of expensive watches were in plain sight, Mr. Morrow said, but they were not missing. Obviously, cash was the only thing in the store the burglars wanted. So far, no clues have been discovered as to the identity of the marauders.

CEREMONY HELD MARCH 31—

Former Clipper Owner Weds

BY C. B. McDOWELL

The following wedding announcement which appeared in the last Sunday's issue of the Montgomery Advertiser was of unusual interest to a large number of Elba people:

The marriage of Mrs. Grace Thompson Phelps and Renzo C. Bryan was quietly solemnized in the home of Dr. & Mrs. Wiley D. Ogletree in Milledale yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Dr. Ogletree, brother-in-law of the bride, performed the ceremony.

Mr. & Mrs. Bryan will be at home after April 9 at 1020 Federal Drive. . . .

Mr. Bryan practically "grew up" in The Elba Clipper office when a mere lad. At an early age he became editor and publisher and continued in that capacity for well over a quarter of a century.

I entered his employ in the fall of 1928 and he and I experienced many treacherous times, including the 1929 flood, the Hoover depression, all kinds of machinery trouble, late subscribers, angry politicians and a nervous mother of brides who didn't like a wedding witeup.

But through it all, Mr. Bryan and I remained the best of friends, sharing the ups and downs of a country print shop.

with remarkable fortitude and optimism. In all our years together, I do not recollect a single cross word passing between us. I consider him one of the truest friends I ever had.

Mr. Bryan, during his long residence in Elba, was actively identified with the religious, educational, business, political and social affairs of the community, always taking a firm stand for what he considered to be the right side of every question.

For a number of years he served as Sunday School superintendent and chairman of the Board of Stewards of the Elba Methodist Church. He served as secretary of the Coffee County Democratic Executive Committee for many years and the committee never had a more efficient one.

On account of protracted ill health, Mr. Bryan sold the Clipper to Mr. & Mrs. Ed Richburn about nine years ago. In turn, they sold it to Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cunningham some three years later.

After under-line several operations in noted clinics and hospitals, Mr. Bryan regained his health, moved to Montgomery and has been holding a job as proof reader at the Advertiser for several years.

The Clipper joins a host of friends in congratulating Mr. Bryan on his recent marriage.

In Meeting with New Chief—

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POLITICAL RALLY

Friendship Baptist Church will sponsor a Barbecue Dinner and Political Rally Saturday April 14. Barbecue will be served beginning at 4 o'clock and will be available until 7:30 when the political candidates will begin to speak.

Proceeds of the sale will be used to repair the church which is located two miles south of Elba. The editor ran Alto Jones' name over the picture merely because Ed Donaldson has been right so many times on his farm identifications.

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At Courthouse Friday—

Gov. James E. Folsom covered the budget, old age pensions, education, segregation and new industry for Alabama in his report to Coffee County voters at the Elba courthouse Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Starting off with mansion expenses, he said they were down 100 percent for a like period in previous administrations, contrary to what had been printed in the daily papers.

The chief executive said at the time he was getting all the criticism for riding in National Guard planes he was making a successful effort to bring a \$150 million plant for Alabama. He promised to ride the wings and propellers off every plane in the state if it would aid in bringing industry to Alabama.

On overspending the budget, the Governor said it can't be done because of the state's law and that right now it was 10 percent below the budget.

Switching to the state's effort to secure new industry, he said it was needed to offset the slack caused by the drop in agricultural farm acreage allotments. Before the Governor

LIENS CLUB SHOW READY—

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Alva Devane said a delegation of colored residents had asked him for the city to designate a place for them to play baseball. They formerly used the field in back of the school but it is now used for track. They were given permission to use the diamond at the airport and to work out a schedule so as to not conflict with town teams would occur.

The council gave Mayor Mullins authority to up the donation of the city to the West Coast of Red Cross Chapter from \$85 to a larger amount. The Red Cross is \$175 short on its quota.

Bills authorized for payment were Martin Mercantile, 673; Elba Oil Co., 103.15; Fieble Pipe and Tool Co., 55.88; Dr. Leslie Johnson, 500; Rowe's Flour, 15.00; Ham & Marsh, 106.00; Ray Brooks Machinery Co., 23.36; Henderson Black & Green, 17.66; Dorsey Chevrolet, 43.26; and Hall Office Supply 70c.

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United States District Court
Middle District of Alabama
Southern Division

Civil No. 328-5-NOTICE
United States of America,

Plaintiff

vs.

371 Acres of Land, More or Less,
Situate in Coffee and Dale
Counties, State of Alabama, and
Joyce F. Somerset, et al., De-

fendants

20. All Unknown Defendants:

You are hereby notified that

a complaint in condemnation

has heretofore been filed in the

Office of the Clerk of the above-

named Court in an action to

condemn an estate taken for

public uses for a period of years

ending June 30, 1956, and extend-

ing for yearly periods thereafter

at the election of the Secretary

of the Army of the United

States until June 30, 1965, in

accord to the following described

lands:

EXHIBIT A

Tract No. A-100 (Site FW-1)

A tract or parcel of land in

Sections 8 and 7, Township

North Range 20 East, St. Stephens

Meridian, Coffee County, Alabama,

being a portion of the same

land described in a Deed

to Joyce F. Somerset from Dr. S. M. Som-

erset, recorded 22 December

1947 in Deed Book 14-A, Page

184 of the Probate Records

of Coffee County, Alabama, and

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Commencing at the Southwest

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East, containing 80 acres, more

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For public use for flight training

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Act of Congress approved Feb-

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1898, 35 Stat. 327, 40 U. S. C.

257, and the Act of Congress

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Public Law 17, 84th Congress,

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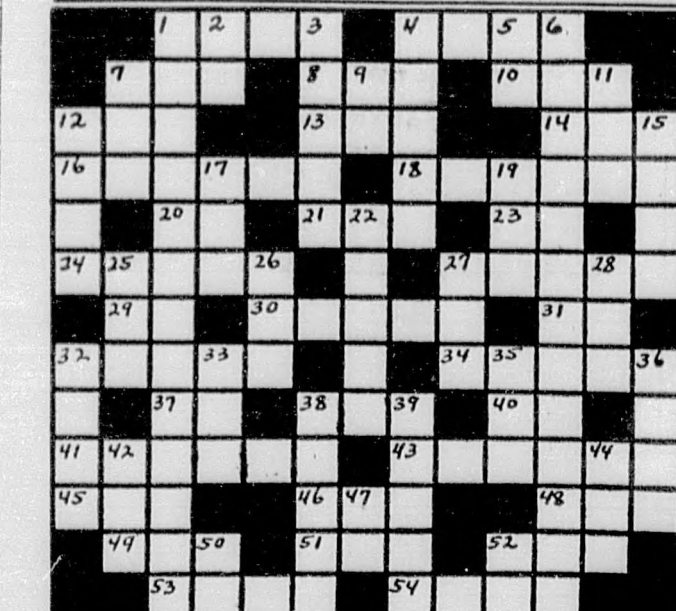
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Pine Level Political Rally on the "Quiet Side"

Barbecue served by the Pine Level P. T. A. was as good as every Saturday night and a nice crowd turned out to buy plates. About 150 of them stayed on until 8 o'clock to hear the political candidates speak. The only thing missing was a good, down-to-earth verbal slugfest by the politicians.

Frankly, we missed the toe-to-toe exchange of two years ago that came in the repressive race when Bill Stokes, Glen Heath and O'Neal Griswold took the floor. Almost without exception Saturday night, the candidates in the commissioners' races got up and promised to work for the interests of the county as a whole, without showing any favoritism to one district or another. J. J. Moore deviated a little from the pattern by telling of his previous two terms in the commissioners' office and of his work with the highway department. He drew the biggest laugh from the audience when he closed with, "Vote for Moore and Get More Roads."

Flournoy Whitman made the best speech and got the closest to the audience with his talk. Starting by saying he was born, reared and baptized in Pine Level, he married a girl from that community, he launched into a brief summary of the jobs he had done during the past two years as commissioner. He told of his work as a committee meeting with the Governor that was successful in getting roads for Beat 19, Mr. Whitman said, and that he had been in his district there were only three paved roads—they were state or federal highways—had a blacktopped road leading to it and 50 percent of the bridges are adequate. If re-elected, he promised to use his experience to improve roads in every district in the county.

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That Governor Folsom was as familiar with the Coffee County roads as the commissioners knew the terminal points of all roads mentioned, whose houses were used by and in the case of one commissioner knew more about bridges in the district than the commissioner who got them mixed up. When it comes to discussing the entire county highway network, the Governor is as familiar with it as any of the commissioners.

Mayor M. N. "Bud" Brown, Jr., Enterprise headed a delegation asking the Governor for help on the construction of a by-lane road that would acquire the right-of-ways and the county furnish the engineering, the state would black top it. He made an appointment with Governor W. Stokes for Monday morning at 9 o'clock to meet with Highway Director Nelson to discuss the project further.

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Also present at the meeting were Probate Judge J. O. English, Flournoy Whitman, Fountain Lee, Grady Ziglar, Willis

Two weeks ago considerable discussion was generated on changing the afternoon stock sale from Thursday to Wednesday. The decision seemed to rest upon whether or not the farmers selling hogs and calves at the Farmers Livestock sale each Thursday afternoon were paid off in time to do any shopping in Elba.

Friday we asked U. B. Hudson, who does the check writing, the livestock barn, what time most of the men at the sale were paid off. He said the time fluctuated but as a rule farmers who sold grade hogs received their checks by 4 o'clock. However, if a farmer brought both hogs and cattle to the sale, he wasn't paid until later. Men selling cutters cleared his office near 5 o'clock, Mr. Hudson said, and sometimes later.

Those in charge of the Farmers Livestock sale have been gradually building up the auction to the point where from \$20,000 to \$25,000 worth of stock is sold each week. This is a nice tidy sum but because of the fact farmers are paid off fairly late in the afternoon, it is unlikely too much more of it could be piped into Elba trade channels by staying open Thursday afternoon than already is spent here other days of the week.

Opponents of changing the closing day are probably right in saying the resulting confusion would cost more trade than could be gained. So it looks like the wisest thing to do is let Thursday afternoon remain as the day stores close. Habit is hard to change and the potential gain in this case is not as great as it appears on cursory examination.

Wild Turkey Numbers Increasing in State

Against shooting turkey hens has probably done most to make the wild turkey population in growing. The sportsman has a better chance of finding a gobble during the current hunting season than at any time in several years, although the number of old birds may still be hard to bag.

Earl P. Kennamer, API Extension wildlife specialist, credits the state's sound turkey hunting laws with successful conservation of this game bird. He said

Without any real issue in the commissioners' races, it is hard for any real steam to be generated at the rallies. Clark Edmonds, chairman of the board of the Enterprise Ledger, Inc., is trying to get candidates to commit themselves as being for or against the road machinery in the county setup, the road machinery in the county is consolidated into one pool under supervision of a man hired by the commissioners. Commissioners establish priority of the jobs to be done and the foreman has technical supervision. With only four weeks remaining before the primary, it will take some real doing to make this an issue.

What surprised us the most Saturday night was the fact that all of the candidates were not present.

There is an old axiom among clerk's and salesmen that a potential buyer should be offered his choice of three items. This way he gets to figuratively "throw away" one item (which makes him feel good) and take his choice of the other two.

A person in the audience at Pine Level Saturday could feel this taking place. In each race, 1, 3 and 4, there are three men in each race. You could almost feel the voters take their choice of the two men on the stage. We can't see how a political candidate would dream of passing up a rally and still expect to make it clear to the voters.

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